

**REMARKS**

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2005, in which claims 1 – 29 were rejected. Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the reference cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and render all claims at issue patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated December 14, 2005 are respectfully requested.

**I. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

The Applicant amends the claims to incorporate the limitations of Claims 7 and 29 respectively into Claims 1 and 25. In this way, the structures of the strip patterns formed on the substrate would be specified as slits. One exemplary embodiment of the slits is illustrated in Fig. 4A, wherein the strip pattern is denoted as "28".

Since the slit structure is absent in the disclosure of Liu (US 6,549,257), such feature is not taught explicitly or implicitly. Consequently, Claim 1 could not be anticipated by the prior art, and the rejections under § 102(b) would be overcome.

For Claims 2 – 24 and 26 – 28 depend on Claims 1 and 25 respectively, these claims are also patentable in view of the patentability of Claims 1 and 25.

Besides, the remaining amendments of the claims are made merely for correcting the typing errors.

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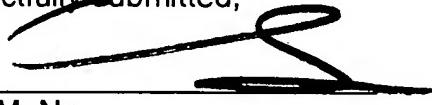
## II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, claims pending in the application comply with the requirements of patentability define over the prior art. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 386998051US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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